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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (M&RA)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (M&RA)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (M&RA)

SUBJECT: Establishment of New TRICARE Management Activity Offices

References: (a) DoD Directive 5136.12, "TRICARE Management Activity," May 31, 2001
(b) ASD (HA) Memorandum, dated 14 April 2003, Subject: TRICARE Governance
(c) ASD (HA) Memorandum, dated 14 April 2003, Subject: TRICARE Transition Management

The Director, TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) is authorized by reference (a) to establish additional subordinate organizational offices within TMA. These subordinate organizations are necessary to support the principals and joint plan set forth in references (b) and (c) to transition to the next generation of TRICARE contracts and the proposed changes to the TRICARE management structure. Defense Health Program resources necessary to reflect the new organizational structure may be realigned to provide TMA the resources necessary to transition functions to the new offices. We anticipate these resources realignment to occur beginning in Fiscal Year 2004.

Effective the date of this memorandum, the following new TMA offices are established under the operational and administrative control of TMA:

TRICARE Regional Office North – Washington, DC
TRICARE Regional Office South – San Antonio, Texas
TRICARE Regional Office West – San Diego, California
TRICARE Regional Office Overseas – Falls Church, Virginia

For the TRICARE Regional Office Overseas, there will continue to be three area offices:

TRICARE Europe – Sembach, Germany
TRICARE Pacific – Okinawa, Japan
TRICARE Latin America/Canada – Ft. Gordon, Georgia

We are proceeding to finalize our joint plans to establish a new TRICARE management structure that provides increased local accountability and clarifies regional and national responsibilities. In the interim, I want to thank you for your support of these vital activities necessary for a smooth management transition.


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